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1. SUMMARY: WORKING GROUP (WG) CONSIDERED AND COMPLETED ARTICLES ON COMPOSITION OF ASSEMBLY, COUNCIL, ENTERPRISE, OPERATIONS COMMISSION (OC), SUBSIDIARY COMMISSION AND TRIBUNAL. THERE WAS LITTLE DEBATE ON COMPOSITION ISSUES, DELS BEING CONTENT TO SEE THAT THEIR VIEWS WERE REFLECTED IN TEXT.

2. ASSEMBLY: US REP PROPOSED SEVERAL CHANGES DERIVED FROM US DRAFT TREATY IN TEXT ON COMPOSITION OF ASSEMBLY.

3. COUNCIL: NETHERLANDS REP EXPLAINED HIS PROPOSAL TO HAVE GEOGRAPHICALLY ADVANTAGED AND DISADVANTAGED REPRESENTED EQUALLY ON COUNCIL.

ITALIAN REP SAID EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION WAS NOT SUFFICIENT

GUARANTEE FOR SMOOTH OPERATION OF COUNCIL AS PARTICIPATION OF LARGE, INDUSTRIAL POWERS MUST BE GUARANTEED. HE STATED THERE MUST BE BOTH PARTICIPATION BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION TOGETHER WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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DESIGNATION. USSR REP SPOKE IN FAVOR OF ITS DRAFT ARTICLE ON

COUNCIL COMPOSITION (ALTERNATIVE C) AND SUGGESTED THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON WHICH GEOGRAPHICAL GROUPS WOULD BE BASIS FOR SELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. PERU REP ARGUED IN FAVOR OF PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.

4. CHINESE REP PROPOSED NEW FIRST PARA FOR COUNCIL COMPOSITION ARTICLE: "THE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL SHOULD FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY OF ALL COUNTRIES, LARGE AND SMALL, AND EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AND SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH ELECTION AND ROTATION." MALTESE REP INTRODUCED COMPLEX PROPOSALS ON COUNCIL COMPOSITION.

5. US REP SAID SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF LOS CONFERENCE MAY DEPEND ON ARTICLE ON COUNCIL COMPOSITION AS ISSUES INVOLVED ARE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. HE SAID US POSITION FAIRLY REFLECTED IN EXISTING TEXT BUT PROPOSED FOOTNOTE TO EFFECT THAT QUESTION OF NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AS WELL AS OTHER QUESTIONS WERE NOT INTENSIVELY DEBATED AND CONSIDERATION OF COMPOSITION AND VOTING PROCEDURE IN COUNCIL SHOULD BE LEFT FOR LATER STAGE. TANZANIA REP ARGUED IN FAVOR OF PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AND OBSERVED LDC AND SOVIET POSITIONS ON COUNCIL COMPOSITION WERE NOT TOO FAR APART, EXCEPT SOVIET PROPOSAL ON FORMULA FOR PARTICIPATION OF LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES IN COUNCIL, WHICH HE SAID WAS NOT EQUITABLE. HE FAVORED UN REGIONAL FORMULA AND EXPRESSED HOPE SOVIET AND TANZANIA PROPOSALS COULD BE RECONCILED. HE NOTED IN PASSING THERE WAS A TERMINOLOGY PROBLEM IN SOVIET DRAFT WHICH REFERS TO ONE GEOGRAPHICAL GROUP AS "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES. HE OBSERVED TANZANIA CONSIDERS ITSELF "SOCIALIST" COUNTRY. USSR REP WELCOMED TANZANIA COMMENTS AND SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO EXAMINE ANY ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL.

6. ENTERPRISE AND OPERATIONS COMMISSION (OC): US AND PERU SUBMITTED TEXTS ON COMPOSITION ON OC AND OTHER COMMISSIONS AND ENTERPRISE RESPECTIVELY. USSR, COMMENTING ON US PROPOSALS ON COMPOSITION OF COMMISSIONS, COMPLAINED THAT HIGH STANDARDS FOR PERSONNEL WOULD PENALIZE POTENTIAL LDC CANDIDATES. HE ALSO ARGUED THAT COMMISSION MEMBERS SHOULD BE REPS OF STATES.

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